



King County
Sexual Assault
Resource Center

end the silence

April 28, 2011

Camilla Faulk, Supreme Court Clerk
Washington State Supreme Court
Temple of Justice
P.O. Box 40929
Olympia, WA 98504-0929

Re: Proposed Criminal Rule 4.11

Dear Ms. Faulk,

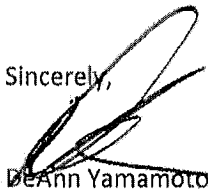
As the Deputy Executive Director of the King County Sexual Assault Resource Center, I am writing to convey our organization's opposition to proposed Criminal Rule 4.11. This proposed rule will negatively impact crime victims.

Defendants have the right to decide whether their interviews will be recorded, and Washington law states that the rights of crime victims should be protected "in a matter no less vigorous than the protections afforded criminal defendants." RCW 7.69.010. The reality, however, is that in our defendant-centered criminal justice system, victim rights are treated as secondary to those of the defendant.

While victim interviews in King County are routinely recorded, victims are given the choice. Requiring a victim to submit to a recorded interview further erodes their already limited rights.

We urge you not to adopt Court Rule 4.11.

Sincerely,



DeAnn Yamamoto